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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
THROUGH : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : Chinese Mer ship Activity, Southern North Vietnam
REFERENCE : Requirement NSA/SPO/R-127/71
NPIC Project 251128

1. In response to the referenced requirement, all available photography since [REDACTED] over the Hon Nieu Island Anchorage area and the Haiphong Port area in North Vietnam, and the Peihai Port area and Chan-chiang Port area in China, were searched for the Chinese mer ships Hung Chi 149, 150, 153 and 161.

2. There was no photography of the Chan-chiang Port area since [REDACTED] The Peihai Port area was covered on [REDACTED] the only photography since [REDACTED] No Hung Chi mer ships were present.

3. Hung Chi-type vessels were observed at both Haiphong Port and Hon Nieu anchorage since [REDACTED] The Hung Chi 149 (hull type 7) was identified twice, once at Haiphong and once at Hon Nieu. The Hung Chi vessels 150, 151, 153 and 161 are all GALATI-class mer ships (hull type 39). These four vessels are nearly identical in appearance with only minor variations causing differences of the sequence of uprights. Interpretability and scale of the photography precluded specific identification of the GALATI-class Hung Chi mer ships by number. These vessels are therefore reported only as GALATI-class; each such identification could be any of the numbered Hung Chi of this class.

4. The following is a list of these Chinese mer ship sightings, their location, dates observed, and activity.

a. Haiphong Port Area (20-51N 106-41E):

(1) [REDACTED] - One Hung Chi 149 off-loading unidentified cargo into three barges.

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(2) [] - One GALATI-class mership at anchor.

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(3) [] - Two GALATI-class merships off-loading unidentified cargo into barges.

b. Hon Nieu Anchorage Area (18-48N 105-47E):

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(1) [] - One GALATI-class mership and four WBLC, engaged in probable lightering. Cargo not identified.

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(2) [] - One GALATI-class mership at anchor.

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(3) [] - One GALATI-class mership at anchor.

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(4) [] - One Hung Chi 149 off-loading unidentified cargo into two probable SL-1 trawlers.

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(5) [] Two GALATI-class merships off-loading unidentified cargo into one type 16/17 barge, eight type 46/47 coasters, and one LCM.

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(6) [] - One GALATI-class mership off-loading unidentified cargo into five barges.

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(7) [] - One GALATI-class mership off-loading unidentified cargo into one probable SL-1 trawler and two type 46/47 coasters.

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6. Questions regarding this project may be directed to the imagery analysts, [] of the Southeast Asia Branch, EGD/IEG, on extension [] of the Southeast China Branch, EGD/IEG, on extension []. A list of photographic missions used in this project will be provided upon request. This project is considered complete.

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